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LUCHTMAN AND KELDER SPOKE AT LUNCHEON

VALUE OF CLASSIFICATION BY
ABILITY AND SUPERVISED
STUDY ARE TOLD.

Coming Need of a New Building Shown

The efforts that are being made to better the educational possibilities of the Alma public schools was the subject that was up for discussion at the weekly luncheon of the Alma Chamber of Commerce yesterday at the city hall. A. C. Luchtmann, principal of the high school, and J. W. Kelder, superintendent of the schools, going into the various phases of the work in considerable detail, giving the business men of the city an insight into the affairs of the schools that they have not previously had.

Over one hundred business men were present at the meeting including several visitors from other cities.

Following the luncheon, Chairman Babcock, called upon the friends of the various visitors to introduce them. Among the visitors were Ross Miller, secretary of the St. Louis Board of Trade; B. L. Case, of Ithaca, county clerk; Charles Heisler, of Ithaca, Mr. Howland, a prominent farmer from the southern part of the county, William Schiff, a farmer near here, and Mr. Whitsel of Lansing.

Mr. Luchtmann in opening his address called attention to the crowded condition of the high school, which was constructed for the accommodation of less than 300 students, and the growth of the high school until now it has 348 students, 35 of whom must be seated in the balcony for part of the time, at least, because of the very crowded condition. With such a condition he called attention to the fact that the various recitation rooms of the high school are naturally crowded to the limit.

That the high school is growing in spite of the depression was indicated from the fact that two years ago the graduating class was the banner class in the history of the schools with 67 and that this year the class will number 67.

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PROTECT WATER AND THE PUBLIC

SEWERAGE PLANS MUST BE
SUBMITTED BY PRIVATE AND
PUBLIC CORPORATIONS.

Protection of water supplies from pollution and the public from preventable diseases, rather than saving of fish, is the purpose of the Michigan department of health in waging its campaign against stream and lake pollution and indiscriminate disposal of industrial wastes and domestic sewage.

This point has been brought out recently at various court proceedings. The fact that fish are being smothered in many streams in Michigan due to oxygen deficiency is merely an indication of the extent to which inland waters are being polluted, it is said. Such gross pollution, sanitarians assert, is a menace to the public health, and the safety of water supplies.

Under the state law amended by the 1921 legislature it is now necessary that private corporations as well as public shall file with the state department of health true and correct descriptions of the entire sewerage systems owned. Letters requesting this information are now being sent out by the department. Plans and specifications will be examined with reference to their effect upon the public health, and approved or alterations ordered.

Among the worst offenders of the stream pollution law, it is alleged, are the industries whose unsatisfactory disposal of waste creates nuisances, kills fish, and pollutes water supplies. In enforcing the law against stream pollution the state department of health will receive the co-operation of the departments of conservation and agriculture.

OPEN BRANCH STORE

Fortino Bros., who have conducted a fruit store in this city for a number of years, and who have been engaged in the wholesale fruit business as well as in the retailing of this kind of merchandise, have announced that they have opened a branch store in Shepherd. Fortino Bros. believe that the Isabella County town offers some fine possibilities for a store of this kind.

Best Seal Sale In State History

The complete returns for the annual Christmas seal sale conducted by the Michigan Tuberculosis association have not yet been received, but the figures are definite enough to show that during December of 1921 the largest seal sale was conducted since the state Tuberculosis association was organized.

This is all the more gratifying in view of the fact that reports from other states show that in most places the seal sale fell short of the figures of previous years. The sale came after a year of great business depression, and health workers all over America were dubious about the result. In most states the battle was an effort to hold their own and not to fall far below the record of the year before.

The Michigan association followed the policy of increasing its effort and went out from the start for a start for a larger sale than before. Health workers, women's clubs, teachers and others throughout the state enthusiastically supported this policy, with the result that the sale was very materially larger than the best year before this. The thanks of the state association are due to all who gave their time and efforts unstintingly to bring about this happy result.

SUNSHINE KIDDIES ARE COMING HERE

A CLEAN CUT AND HIGH GRADE
ENTERTAINMENT TO APPEAR
AT THE STRAND.

With the appearance at the Strand theatre Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of the Sunshine Kiddies of Melody Land, an attraction comes to Alma that is far out of the ordinary and one which has been creating a stir in the larger cities of the state, Detroit, Lansing, Kalamazoo and others. It seems fortunate indeed that Alma theatre goers are again to have the opportunity of seeing an attraction here that usually is seen only in the bigger cities of the state.

For three days this coming week back stage at the Strand will be a large family, as that is about what this assembly of twelve sprightly young children is, who form the Sunshine Kiddie group.

There are eight families, however, represented by the talented youngsters who are to appear here, and three mothers are in charge as chaperons, stage directors and all-around guardians. Just one man accompanies the Sunshine Kiddies, F. E. Munro, the manager, whom the kiddies call "Daddy." There is also a tutorette with the apt name of Charlotte Teachman, appointed by the Michigan board of education to look after the schooling and educational welfare of the youngsters.

The little tots are unusually well behaved and know their songs and dance cues like veterans. Each child has from three to six changes to make and there is always a busy time behind the scenes.

Not only is there a busy time behind the scenes, but in front of the stage there is always a highly appreciative audience as these kiddies certainly know their work like veterans and are constantly surprising their audiences with their entertainments. The appearance of the Sunshine Kiddies in Alma promises to be one of the rarest treats of the year.

The management of the Strand is particularly fortunate in being able to book this high grade, clean cut attraction, and is to be commended highly upon bringing here an entertainment of such a nature that even the most exacting cannot but commend it highly once they have heard it.

H. S. CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

The High School Christian Endeavor in its meeting last Sunday discussed the topic, "The Ideal Home."

The leader, Miss Kates, gave a very good talk on the subject, after which followed several discussions by others making the meeting very interesting.

Sunday evening at 5:30 the topic for discussion will be "Habits, Good and Bad." The leader of the meeting will be Percy Warner. This promises to be a wide-awake meeting, and as the subject is a broad one there will be several discussions made by others after the leader gives his talk.

A hearty invitation is extended to all who are interested in this kind of work. All meetings held at the Presbyterian church.

RUGS THAT APPEAL TO DIS- CRIMINATING BUYERS

To see our rugs is to enthrall them, to inspect them is to approve of them, because not only are they some of the best looking rugs we have shown during the past seasons, but they are rugs that will give you wonderful service. We invite your fine possibilities for a store of this kind.

KALAMAZOO AND ALBION WIN IN STATE CONTEST

FORMER WINS IN THE WOMEN'S
CONTEST AND ALBION IN
THE MEN'S SECTION.

Albion and Hope Winners of Second

Miss Helen Ward of Kalamazoo College won the women's contest of the Michigan Oratorical League here Friday afternoon out of the eight contestants with the oration, "Social Dependents," and in the evening Harry Laity with the oration, "Our Debt of Honor," took first place for Albion College in the men's section.

The contests were held in the Presbyterian Church and both in the afternoon and in the evening there was a good attendance.

Miss Opal Hoopingarner, of Albion, took second place, while to Miss Marion Clafin, of Olivet, went third place in the women's contest.

Miss Ward well deserved first place, for her oration was of a high order. The problem she set forth in her oration, is a vital one, and should be of interest to everyone. Not only was the material of a superior order, but the composition was well-nigh faultless. Her diction was good, she had no distracting mannerisms, and the gestures used were appropriate and effective.

Social dependency is the tragedy of thousands of homes today. The world is indifferent to poverty, one sees it, but passes by. They are left to their poverty and social negligence, because people are more interested in the sole pursuit of material gains. Thus, equal opportunity has become an empty expression. Although we are economically independent, our social life has become undermined. We can very well estimate the economic loss of families, but not the moral loss. The economist states that social dependency is a necessary evil, but when we realize the loss to us, through social dependency, we will have the real import of social dependents.

Miss Opal Hoopingarner, was a close second to Miss Ward. "International Faith" was ably delivered by Miss Hoopingarner. She, too, had all the requirements of the successful orator, poise, diction, good gestures, and most important of all, a real message to bring to her audience.

She sketched the scene on Armistice day of the burial of the Unknown Soldier. Prevalent in the minds of all men, at that time, was the thought that war must cease. The need of the world today is lasting faith. Armaments are not a primary cause of war, for where there is no distrust, there is no armament. One cannot say that the Washington conference has been a failure, for it has set a precedent for frank consultation of the world's problems, the principal one being to lessen distrust. Every advance in civilization has been due to the cooperation of men with their fellows.

The conference is a decisive step towards association. Its success depends upon you and I, for we constitute a part of public opinion.

Miss Marion Clafin, who took third place, spoke on "The Need of the Twentieth Century." Miss Clafin had an interesting subject. She spoke with the ease and assurance of a veteran. She drew a picture of "The Thinker," by Rodin, apart from the rest, and simply asking the question why. With the various great problems confronting the world today, men are needed who can think straight. There is the negro problem to be solved, and it should be solved according to the principles of Jesus Christ. Two vivid pictures of America were aptly drawn, the one showing capital and labor in a death grip, with China and Armenia lying forgotten outside. The other portrayed a glorious picture of service and co-operation, such as God would wish it. In the hands of college students lies the future, so in college years one must cultivate clearness of vision, to be able to accept the burden of leadership.

The remaining orations showed intense thought and workmanship, and were creditably delivered.

Miss Louise Osgood, of Alma, made a fine showing. Her oration "The World's Challenge to the College Student" has been reviewed in the Almatian before, suffice it to say that the oration took up to the part that the college student should play in the world of today, of the limitless opportunities before him, and the preparation that should be made.

Miss Geraldine Pagel, of Hillsdale spoke on "The New History." This dealt in large measure with individualism. Extreme individualism will cause the downfall of any nation. The individual to make history must be alive to the problems of the day, must have an international mind. Civilization—

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Camp Roosevelt Has Been Moved

Camp Roosevelt, the national educational training camp for boys under the jurisdiction of the Chicago Board of Education, will move to its permanent campsite near LaPorte, Indiana. This brings the camp within sixty-five miles of Chicago. The site was used as a boys' school, and a splendid gymnasium, mess hall seating one thousand, modern sewage system, large hospital, classroom buildings, bungalows, and recreation rooms will add materially to the comfort and being of the boys who attend.

The camp will open on July 5, and continue for a period of six weeks, instead of eight as heretofore. The season will be divided into two periods of three weeks each. Boys may enroll for either one or both of these periods. The Summer School, the Military Division, and the Junior Camp will provide for the differing requirements of boys of various ages.

Because of the splendid facilities which the new campsite offers, it is anticipated that many improvements and additions to the camp program will be effected. The Camp Roosevelt Association is decidedly optimistic about the 1922 camp outlook.

The Chicago Headquarters has changed its location to Room 503, 460 South State street, the new home of the Education Division of the Board of Education. Major F. L. Beals makes this public announcement through the press for the information of the many people who are already seeking information for the summer.

FINAL NUMBER NEXT MONDAY

DI GIORGIO ORCHESTRA WILL
APPEAR HERE ON THE COM-
MUNITY LYCEUM COURSE.

A program noteworthy for the prominence given to favorite popular and classical instrumental selections will be rendered here on the Lyceum course Monday evening by the well-known Di Giorgio Orchestra with which will also appear Ella May Minert, accomplished contralto.

Five splendid artists compose the orchestra which is headed by Signor T. Di Giorgio, a conductor of experience and ability.

The instrumental program is a varied one. It consists not only of notable ensemble numbers but also of solos, duets, and quartets. A string quartet combination is particularly pleasing. Cornet, violin, piano, and Alpine horn solos are featured.

Miss Minert's contralto solos are always hailed with delight. The Brooklyn Eagle declares, "Miss Ella May Minert is one of the leading contraltos of the East." As a vocal soloist she fully sustains the high standard set by the orchestra.

Press reports from various sections of the country in regard to the Di Giorgio Orchestra are highly flattering, and the local committee feels that the coming attraction will probably be the strongest number of the entire course.

The program for the Monday evening entertainment follows:

Semper Fidelis March—Sousa.

William Tell (Overture) G. Rossini.

"Ain't We Got Fun" (Encore number).

Cornet Solo—Mrs. Di Giorgio.

Concert, "Polka"—Rhodenkirken.

"The Rosary" (Encore Number).

Piano Solo, "The Echoes of the Waterfall"—Thomas.

Piano Solo, "The Rustle of Spring," Sinding—Fortunata Di Giorgio.

String Quartet—"A Dream on the Alps," Labisky; "Silver Threads Among the Gold."

Vocal—"Madame Butterfly," Puccini; "An Old Fashioned Garden," Porter—Mrs. Ella May Minert.

Orchestra—"Neapolitan Nights," Zamecnik; "Ole South."

Xylophone Solo—"La Juana," Lodge; "Red Pepper," Howgill—Fortunata Di Giorgio.

Violin—Rondo Capriccioso, (Saint-Saens); Love Joy (Kreislerr); Souvenir Poetique (Fibich)—Adeline Di Giorgio.

Vocal—"Love the Peddler" (German); "Little Grey Home in the West" (Lohr)—Mrs. Ella May Minert.

Alpine Horn Solo—"Fair Hawaii"—Sig. T. Di Giorgio.

Duet from Il Travatore (Verdi)—Mr. and Mrs. Di Giorgio.

Amorita (Zamecnik)—The Orchestra.

The entertainment, like all others on the lyceum course will be held in the high school auditorium. It will start promptly at 8:15 p. m.

ELKS TO HAVE BIG NIGHT

Alma Lodge B. P. O. E. No. 1400 is planning on a big time this evening, with twenty candidates for the work of the lodge. The Owosso degree team will be here with a large number of Elks from that city, and will put on the work. A banquet will be served at 7:00 p. m. at the chamber of commerce rooms in the city hall.

A CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT ST. LOUIS

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE
WILL BE HELD, FRIDAY, SAT-
URDAY AND SUNDAY.

Good Program A Certainty

The young people's conference to be held under the auspices of the Gratiot County Sunday School Association will be held in St. Louis, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and it is expected that a large number of young people from the various sections of the county will be in attendance at the sessions of the convention during the three days.

The first event on the program will be a banquet to be held at 7:00 o'clock at the I. O. O. F. hall there. The principal speakers at the banquet will be President H. M. Crooks of Alma College and O. L. Smith of Lansing. Music will be furnished during the banquet hours by the Middleton orchestra. Saturday morning and afternoon athletic contests will be held in the high school gymnasium there. Basketball games are expected to be among the feature events.

That evening a musical program will be given at the Methodist Episcopal Church, which will consist of vocal solos, piano solos, violin solos, whistling solos, duets, readings, etc. In arranging for the musical program the committee has secured some of the best musicians of the county and it is expected that the program will prove a rare treat.

Sunday morning regular services will be held in all of the churches of the city and the delegates to the conference may attend the church of their choice.

In the afternoon a business meeting of the conference will be held in the Presbyterian church. This meeting will be called promptly at 2:15 o'clock. It promises to be an important session and the delegates to the conference should attend.

Sunday evening a special service will be given in the Presbyterian church, at which time some good addresses will be given. C. N. Wright, state secretary of the Young People's Department, and Frank L. Convis of Ithaca will be among the speakers.

Additional Gift From Mrs. Scotten

Announcement has been made by President H. M. Crooks of Alma College that Mrs. Orin Scotten of Detroit, one of the recent new members of the Board of Trustees, has made an additional gift to the college endowment campaign of \$5,000. This makes a total of \$12,500 that Mrs. Scotten has contributed to the college during the endowment campaign. The recent gift, coming after the former contribution, was received at the college with a high degree of satisfaction, as it is regarded as another proof of the high regard in which Alma College is held throughout the state.

HEAR THIS

Dr. Willis A. Moore, Director of Personnel of the Dodge Mfg. Co., Mishawaka, Ind., comes to Alma, March 29 to recount a modern miracle. He speaks at the Chamber of Commerce Luncheon at noon, subject, "Community Building," and in the evening at the E. Superior Christian church, subject, "The Golden Rule in Business."

Mr. Moore is in close touch with and tells at first hand the wonderful story of a prosperous business concern, The A. Nash Company of Cincinnati, Ohio, who practice as employers, employees and as salesmen the words of Jesus "Whatsoever therefore ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so to them, for this is the law of the prophets."

SERVICE MEN'S COURSE

A correspondence course is now being offered to former service men by the K. of C., through the board of Educational and Welfare Activities at New Haven, Conn. The course is open to all former service men with honorable discharges from the service, it is announced.

Service men in this vicinity who are interested in such a course can secure information in regard to the correspondence course that is being offered from the commander of the local Legion post or from George Ryan.

We will buy horses at the Arcadia Livery and Sales Stable, Alma, on Saturday, March 11. Sam. Weinburg, Detroit.—41-2w (front pg)

You'll be delighted with the smart fancy plaid Sport Skirts at \$3.98, on display at D. W. Robinson's, Alma.—advertisement.

Sleet Storm Injures Many Trees in State

The big sleet storm of last week damaged trees badly over a large area of central and northern Michigan. Reports received at the Michigan Agricultural College indicate that as high as ninety per cent of the trees in some places were badly broken by the weight of ice and sleet which accumulated during the storm.

Park boards and city foresters, including Cadillac, Reed City, Clare, and Evart, have called for aid in determining upon best methods of caring for the damaged trees. P. L. Buttrick, specialist with the M. A. C. forestry department, spent last week in the storm belt, advising with local officers and making a survey of the damage done.

HONORED BY ALMA MASONS

A. W. Brock, one of the old residents of this city, who has rounded out forty-four years of membership in the Masonic lodge has been honored by Alma Lodge No. 244 F. & A. M. being awarded a life membership. During the time that Mr. Brock has been a member of the lodge he has been deeply interested in its work and has attended its meetings whenever possible.

LEGIONNAIRES TO CONDUCT CENSUS

SERVICE AND ADJUSTED COM-
PENSATION DRIVE TO START
MARCH 15.

The national census of veterans of the World War recently authorized by the American Legion, will begin here on Wednesday of next week when every ex-service man and woman in Alma and Gratiot county will be enumerated according to announcement made today by Lauren T. Burt, Commander of George Myers post of the Legion. The local part of the census will be carried on under the direction of the George Myers post and the American Legion Auxiliary.

A house-to-house and farm-to-farm canvass of every city block and township in Gratiot county will be made. Every veteran will be interviewed, asked forty-eight questions and his answers recorded. When the national census is complete national headquarters of the Legion expects to have a concise and complete record of every man and woman who was in the service. This record will be invaluable to the Legion in prosecuting its fight for the disabled, and for all classes of veterans who have unsettled claims or adjustments to make with the government. In the past two years the national service division of the Legion has been instrumental in settling claims in favor of veterans totaling more than \$10,000,000.

Every veteran will be asked if he was wounded or gassed or injured by accident, if his health was impaired in any way while in the service, and if he has received satisfactory medical treatment and compensation. It is known that there are many still suffering in various ways as a result of their military service, who have never been reached by government relief. The services of the Legion are laid at the disposal of all persons in this position.

There are other ex-service men in a more fortunate position, who have re-established themselves financially and can spare to their less fortunate comrades the benefits to which they are entitled under the pending adjusted compensation bill. These persons are to be asked if they will devote their shares of the government compensation allowance to aid their needy and disabled "buddies." In this way the Legion intends to establish a rotating fund for the immediate relief of all whose needs are too pressing to wait on the course of government procedure. There are thousands of these. They will not be helped by the passing of laws. They need care taken of them right away, according to local Legionnaires. It has been a case of "Let George do it," and "George" as usual has stayed around the corner. This is the condition that the rotating loan fund of the Legion has been designed to remedy, and the Legionnaires are confident that the same old spirit that brought in wounded comrades under fire will not be found "around the corner" in the relieving of the ex-service man in distress today.

All veterans are to be sought out whether members of any soldiers' organization or not. The matter of their membership in the Legion is of no consequence. The fact is that there is no other organization of sufficient scope to undertake and carry through a national census of veterans, and with the very apparent need of such a census the Legion has taken it up.

The recording of what choice each veteran will make under the five alternatives provided for in the Adjusted Compensation bill will be a very important result of the census. This question is to be asked of every ex—

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APPLICATIONS MUST BE FILED IN A FEW DAYS

ASPIRANTS FOR POSTMASTER-
SHIP AT LOCAL OFFICE HAVE
LITTLE TIME LEFT.

Time Limit Is Tuesday Night

Next week Tuesday, March 14, is the final day for the filing of applications with the Civil Service Commission in Washington for the position as postmaster at Alma, which will be filled in the very near future.

Ezra L. Smith, who was recently appointed as acting postmaster, following the resignation of Vincent P. Cash, does not expect to continue at the office because of other business affairs which require his time and the post office department set March 14 as the time limit for the filing of applications for the postmastership at the local office.

It is understood that there will probably be several aspirants for the position as postmaster at the local office as a number of applications have been secured by various people in the city, who probably hope to become Alma's next postmaster.

It is very possible that some of these applications may not be sent in to the Civil Service Commission at Washington, as some of the prospective candidates for the place may possibly change their minds.

It is understood, however, that four or five applications have already been sent to Washington so that there is certain to be no lack of competition for the place.

Following the expiration of the filing time next Tuesday night at midnight the commission will rate the applications and three of them will be certified to and sent to Congressman Joseph W. Fordney, who will have the privilege of recommending any one of the three for the position as postmaster here.

Just how quickly the matter will be settled is a question, but it would not be surprising if three or four weeks elapsed before a new postmaster is named.

DIED IN ALMA ON SATURDAY

MRS. CAROLINE FULLER PASSED
AWAY AFTER A FEW HOURS
OF ILLNESS.

Mrs. Caroline Fuller, a well known resident of this city for the past twelve years, died suddenly late Saturday afternoon, after an illness of only a few hours. She was nearly 75 years of age at the time of her death.

Mrs. Caroline Fuller was born in Delaware county, Ohio, May 2, 1847, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Roof. October 12, 1865, she was united in marriage to Henry M. Fuller, and to this union nine children were born, of whom eight, two daughters and six sons survive the mother. They are Mrs. Jennie Burkhardt of Auburn, Indiana; Mrs. Rose Somers and Charles Fuller of Cadillac, George and Samuel Fuller of Toledo, Ohio, Frank of Grand Rapids, and Ernest of Alma.

In 1873 Mr. and Mrs. Fuller moved to Missaukee county, Michigan, where they resided for seven years, moving from there to Cadillac, where Mrs. Fuller united with the M. E. church in which she has since been a very faithful worker. Her husband preceded her in death in 1894, his death being caused by sunstroke. He is buried at Conklin.

For the past twelve years Mrs. Fuller had been a resident of this city, making her home with her son, Ernest. During the time that she has been in this city she had made a wide circle of friends.

The funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon Rev. M. W. Duffey of the M. E. church officiating.

HUTCHINS TO SPEAK

Lee M. Hutchins, treasurer and manager of Hazeltine & Perkins Drug company of Grand Rapids, will be the speaker at the Alma Chamber of Commerce luncheon next Wednesday noon. Mr. Hutchins is one of the successful business men of Grand Rapids and is expected to have a good message for the business men of the city.

Ticket for the luncheon may be secured from the following salesmen: for the north side, J. R. Campbell and Joseph F. Sartor, Jr.; for the south side, Floyd Glass and John Sullivan; for the Republic, Ray Tomlin.